

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6715**

LCO No. 5587

**AN ACT REQUIRING CONNECTICUT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE
AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGARDING
DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than January 1,
2 2016, the Office of Higher Education shall enter into a multistate or
3 regional reciprocity agreement for purposes of enabling the state and
4 Connecticut institutions of higher education to participate in a nation-
5 wide state authorization reciprocity agreement (1) establishing
6 uniform standards for distance learning programs across states, and (2)
7 eliminating the need for a state participating in such state
8 authorization reciprocity agreement to assess the quality of a distance
9 learning program offered by an out-of-state institution of higher
10 education through such participating state's authorization, licensing
11 and accreditation process. Notwithstanding the provisions of part III of
12 chapter 185 of the general statutes, an out-of-state institution of higher
13 education that participates in such state authorization reciprocity
14 agreement may operate in the state, upon the Office of Higher
15 Education entering into such multistate or regional reciprocity
16 agreement, in accordance with such uniform standards.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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